ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of creating network printer ports on a computer workstation includes the steps of providing a network; communicatively coupling the computer workstation to the network; and communicatively coupling at least one printer to the network. The computer workstation performs the steps of transmitting a discovery

5   packet to which a first printer of a designated type can respond; receiving a response packet from the first printer, the response packet including printer-specific network information of the first printer; identifying whether a network port exists for the first printer; and if no such network port exists, then creating a first network printer port for the first printer based on the printer-specific network information for the first

10   printer.